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January 17, 1967

The Expansion Committee of the Athens Regional Library met at the National Bank of Athens on Tuesday, January 17 at 10:30 a.m. Members of the committee present were: Chairman, Troutman Wilson, Mrs. Robert G. Stephens, Jr., Mrs. J.B. Neighbors and Richard Bloodworth. Also present were Mrs. F.H. Mendenhall, Chairman of the Regional Library Board and Sarah Maret, Director of the Library.

Chairman Wilson presided over the meeting. A copy of the REPORT ON A STUDY OF SITES FOR THE PROPOSED NEW ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY BUILDING, prepared by Miss Jean Cochran, Library Consultant, was given to each member. Mr. Wilson discussed the recent publicity which the library had received about the need for a new building. The report prepared by Miss Cochran was discussed at length. It was noted that of the three locations mentioned in the report that the Old Post Office Building and lot was the best which could be secured for the library building. This building and lot would probably be declared surplus by the General Services Administration within about two years or at such time as when the new post office is completed. The County Planning Commission which has been appointed by the County Commissioners will make a study of the needs of the county and when this study has been completed recommendations will be made concerning a county-wide bond election. The committee would ask that the library be included in this election, and that as this would be a popular issue it would help in the passage of bonds.

Mr. Wilson felt that the committee should work with the city in order to get priority on the Old Post Office property and that it would be some time before anything concrete could be done. It was decided that the time was not yet appropriate to form a citizens committee.

Mr. Wilson said that he would write to the County Planning Commission and ask that they study the needs of the library and include it in the election.

The members of the Expansion Committee were in agreement with the plans as were outlined.

Meeting adjourned.

Sarah E Maret
Secretary

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February 6, 1967

The Expansion Committee of the Athens Regional Library together with the entire Athens-Clarke County Library Board met at the National Bank of Athens on Monday, February 6 at 3 p.m.

Present were Troutman Wilson, Chairman of the Committee, W.W. Wier, Mrs. Carlton James, Mrs. F.H. Mendenhall, Uly Gunn, Miss Natalie Bocock, Marvin Perry, Thomas H. Milner, Jr., all of the Board. Also present were Miss Jean Cochran, Library Consultant of Augusta, Henry Morton of the Athens City Council, Bob Fort of the Athens Banner Herald, Louis Grizzard of the Athens Daily News and Sarah E. Maret.

Chairman Wilson presided. Miss Cochran was introduced. A copy of the BUILDING PROGRAM FOR THE ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY WITH HEADQUARTERS AT ATHENS, GEORGIA was given to each person present. (Copy of which is attached.) Miss Cochran explained the report in detail and asked each person to follow through the report as she discussed it. A question and answer period followed.

Mr. Wilson thanked the Consultant for the exhaustive study she has made of the library and for the plans she presented for the library's future. He said that after a bond election was held to raise the necessary funds, the Board would have fine guide lines to aid them in their plans for a new building.

The meeting was adjourned.

Sarah E. Maret
Secretary

February 6, 1967

Immediately following the Expansion Committee meeting at the National Bank of Athens a short Athens-Clarke County library board meeting was held with the following members present: Mrs. F. H. Mendenhall, Chairman, Messers Wilson, Perry, Wier, Milner, Gunn, Mrs. James, Miss Bocock and Miss Maret.

Mrs. Mendenhall stated that the purpose of the call meeting was to consider whether or not to increase the size of the Board since Athens has grown considerably in the past few years. Recommendations should be made to the appointing authorities (city and county) if the board is increased. The constitution provides for a "governing board, not to exceed 30 members". At present there are 13 regular members and two ex-officio members on the board. It was noted that new members are to be recommended by the present members. Mr. Wilson moved that the board be increased in size by five members. Mr. Milner seconded motion. Motion carried. Mr. Wilson suggested that each member consider persons to be named to the board and that they call Mrs. Mendenhall or him. Mrs. John Wilkins was suggested as a new member by Mrs. Mendenhall.

Minutes were written from notes taken by Mrs. James.

Meeting was adjourned.

David E. Maret
Secretary

July 18,1967

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met at the Regional Library on Tuesday afternoon, July 18, 1967 at 5 o'clock. The following members were present, Mrs. F.H.Mendenhall, Troutman Wilson, and Mrs. J.B.Neighbors. Also present was Sarah Maret,

As there was no quorum, an informal discussion was held on matters concerning the library.

Mr. Wilson reported that Edsel Benson, Chairman Clarke County Committee to study the needs of the county had told him that a bond election would be announced on July 15 to be voted on in September. The library was to be included in the election for the sum of $400,000.00. However, since the specified date had passed, Mr. Wilson said he was not sure why the announcement had not been made but that it should come shortly.

Miss Maret reported that Mrs. Bone had retired on June 10 and read a letter from her thanking the library for her recently received check. Mr. Wilson suggested that an appropriate book be purchased and placed in the library in honor of Mrs. Bone. This met with the approval of the other members present.

The question of adding new members to the board was discussed. A number of names were suggested as good persons for the board. It was suggested that the city and county officials be contacted in order that they might offer some suggestions as to appointments.

The chairman suggested that a spotlight be installed to light up the library grounds. Mrs. Neighbors was asked to investigete this.

The librarian reported that she had been approached by two of the student assistants concerning a raise in salary and that the permanent full-time staff members were also in need of raises. It was suggested that the Director study the situation and if possible raise the student assistants, the total sum involved not to exceed three hundred dollars per year. Regular staff raises may be given later.

Mrs Neighbors was asked to see about the fountain in the library garden pool. Bailey Plumbing and Heating was to be asked to do the work.

Sarah E. Maret
Secretary

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August 17,1967

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met on Thursday afternoon, August 17, 1967 at 5 o'clock in the board room at the National Bank of Athens. Present were:Mrs. F.H.Mendenhall, Troutman Wilson, Marvin Perry, Mrs. Carlton James, W.W. Weir, David Firot and Sarah Maret. Alsonpresent were Edsel Benson, Mrs. John E. Griffin and Frank J.Costantino.

Chairman Mendenhall called the meeting to order and welcomed the visitors.

Mr. Benson was called on for a report on the forthcoming bond election. He reported that many people had worked together on the committee appointed by the Clarke County Commissioners to make a study of the county's capital needs. The committee had made a conprehensive study of these needs by dividing into five study groups. The group studying the needs of the library were Mrs. Griffin and Mr. Costantino. Recommendations made by the committee as a whole were that the county hold a bond election so that the citizens of the county might express their views. The election was to cover five areas, the library, recreation area to be developed in the Little Sandy Creek Water Shed project, a juvenile detention home, a mental health center, a building for Family and Children's services and roads, bridges and aitport. These services could be financed by a tax of 3.41 mills per year, or in terms of money it would amount to $10.23 a year on a home valued at $15,000. The bonds would be for $2,800,000 and could be retired in 26 years.

Mr. Benson reported that he had already talked to several groups and asked that the library board seek other intitations for him to appear before groups. This the board agreed to do.

It was moved by Mr. Wilson that a letter from the board be drafted and sent to library patrons, said letter to endorse the bond election in its entirety and it urge its passage. Mr. Weir seconded motion. Motion carried. Mr. Wilson agreed to draft the letter. Mrs. Griffin suggested that a follow-up card be sent a day or so before the election on September 19 to remind the people to get out and vote.

Mrs. Griffin reported that she had received two letters about the library, both of which were favorable to the bonds. One letter from Mr. Heery asked that if the old post office was secured, that the present structure be allowed to remain and that it be made into a library building. The other letter came from Dr. Golden Hinton and suggested that brahchlibraries be constructed in different areas of the city.

Mr. Costantino gave no report as he said he felt the facts had been covered.

After the guests left the chairman called for the reading of the minutes which were approved as read.

Correspondence was read. A letter from Mr. Wilson to Mayor Bishop was read in which the following were recommended for appointment to the board, Mr. Clinton Adams, Northcrest Drive, Miss Janette Browning, 267 The Plaza, Mr. Archie Patterson, 520 Castalia Ave.,Mr. Howard Stroud, 874 Water St. and Mrs. John J.Wilkins III, Plum Nelly Road. A letter to Mr. David Firor,Chairman, Clarke

County Board of Commissioners asking for the appointment of Dr. Thomas J.Harrold to the board was read. A letter to Judge Arthur Oldham upon his retirement from the board was read. A thank you not from Mrs. P.M. Marchman expressing her appreciation for the booksgiven in memory of her husband was read. A book on trains had been placed in the Lexington Library in memory of Mr. Marchman.

The librarian reported that a suggestion had been made to her that the library secure the property at the corner of Alps Road and Riverhill Drive for the new library. The librarian also reported that state and federal funds had been increased for the coming year and that the book fund would be $21,538.78. This was some $5,000 more than last year for books. The Special Library allotment was $17,000. This fund comes from the federal government by way of the State Department of Education. It,too, was an increase of $5,000 over last year.

Mrs. James suggested that as we see people during the coming month, we ask them to vote for library bonds. All agreed that they would do this.

There was no other business. Meeting was adjourned.

Sarah E. Hart
Secretary

ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY

ATHENS, GEORGIA

September 12, 1967

Dear Parents:

The Vacation Reading Club, sponsored by the library, ended on August 31. Many children, including yours, participated in this activity. They learned much from their reading and had a great deal of fun in the "Summer Reading Circus".

On Tuesday, September 19, a bond election will be held providing for many worthwhile capital improvements for Clarke County. We urge you to support this bond election. One of the items to be voted on is the sum of $450,000 for a new library building. We are sure you have seen the need for a more adequate facility. With over 1700 children using the library this summer, this need is urgent.

We are asking you to go to the polls on September 19 and vote "YES" in the bond election. Your influence among your friends will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mendenhall

Mrs. F. H. Mendenhall
Chairman, Library Board

Sarah E. Maret
Director

Troutman Wilson

Troutman Wilson
Chairman, Expansion Committee

Martha M. Bryan

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Children's Librarian

ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY
ATHENS, GEORGIA

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Dear Library Friends:

On September 19th a county-wide bond election for capital improvements will be held. We endorse the many worthwhile projects included in the bond issue.

Library bonds in the sum of $450,000 for the construction of a new library building have been approved by the committee appointed to study county needs.

We are asking you, as a "library family", to remember to vote for THESE BONDS on September 19th. Your vote and your influence among your friends can help Athens and Clarke County meet the needs of a growing community.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely yours,

ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD

$2,800,000 Bond Issue Fact Sheet

Purpose of Advisory Group:

To study all of the major activities, problems and opportunities within Clarke County and to recommend those priority capital investments we felt absolutely necessary for the continued growth and well-being of this area.

NOTE: We studied and recommended only those areas which would in no way be affected by consolidation or non-consolidation of our city-county governments.

We completed our studies and have unanimously recommended to the County Commissioners a $2,800,000 bond issue to implement specific areas of action. The Board of Commissioners have approved them and we are now attempting to get all of the facts and information to Clarke County citizens. Recommendations as follows:

1. The Little Sandy Trail Creek Recreational Area -- The total cost of this development will be $1,086,000. We will have to pay $450,000. Besides receiving a much needed recreational outlet this will bring positive economic results and in the long run we will get more than our total investment returned to us.

2. $180,000 for a Juvenile Home -- We are extremely fortunate to have expert and cooperative aid from the University of Georgia--no other community in Georgia can get as large a return on a juvenile home investment as we can here in Athens.

3. Comprehensive Community Mental Health Center -- Out of a total cost of $1,690,744 we will pay only $750,000. The Federal money is already set aside and is ready for us anytime we match it. We have an opportunity to obtain the south's finest facility.

4. $170,000 for Family and Child Services Home - - We have the land available at the General Hospital, and we can get all of our money back through rentals from the state.

5. $450,000 for a New Regional Library -- We can receive approximately $250,000 additional from the Federal government. No growing city can expect to continue its leadership without an adequate educational center.

6. $644,000 for Roads and Bridges.

Roads --------$404,000
Bridges ------$240,000

$156,000 for Airport Improvements.

Any objective individual will immediately realize we are desperately in need of immediate action in this area--we cannot expect the type of growth in all of the above mentioned areas we need, unless we provide reasonable transportation and communications services.

A $2,800,000 bond issue will cost the Clarke County taxpayer an additional 3.41 mills per year. This could be best illustrated by additional tax cost on residences of $10,000 - $15,000 - $20,000 - $25,000 - and $30,000 valuations. They would be approximately as follows:

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$20,000	13.64		

It is our considered opinion that it is absolutely necessary for the browth and future well-being of this area that the citizens of this community invest this conservative amount towards the implementation of the projects we have listed above.

CLARKE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD

H. E. Benson, Chairman

All recommended projects will be voted on separately.
Date for vote is September 19, 1967.

September 14, 1967

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met at the Regional Library on Thursday, September 14, 1967 at 5 p.m.

Chairman Mendenhall called the meeting to order. She welcomed the new members who had been appointed to the board on September 5, 1967. These new members were: Clinton Adams, Miss Janette Browning, Archie Patterson and Mrs. John Wilkins III, apointed by the Mayor and Council, and Dr. T.J. Harrold appointed by the Clarke County Commissioners. She reported that one member, Howard Stroud, who had been appointed by the City was not eligible to serve since he was a member of the Clarke County Planning Commission to study City-County Consolidation. In addition to the new members, others present were Troutman Wilson, Uly Gunn, W.W. Wier, Mrs. Carlton James, Mrs. Frank Dudley, Miss Natalie Bocock, and Miss Maret.

Minutes were read and approved. Mrs. Mendenhall asked the Director to briefly describe the library services and its personnel to the new board members. Also discussion of the storage available to the library was discussed.

A brief report was given on the meeting held on Wednesday night, September 13, 1967 by the Athens J.C.'s in the interest of the bond election. Members of the Board present for this meeting were: Mrs. Mendenhall, Mrs. Robert Stephens, Miss Bocock, Mr. Patterson, Miss Browning, Mr. Wilson and Miss Maret. Mr. Wilson spoke for the library. Those who attended said they were disappointed in the number present at the meeting, but were pleased with the presentation of the issues in the forth coming election. Not enough interest is being shown by the voters.

A telegram sent to Congressman Robert G. Stephens from Chairman Mendenhall was read. It read: "HR 7977 calling for an increase in postal rates on book and library materials will be detrimental to us. Urge your cooperation andinfluence in defeating this bill."

Miss Maret reported that the library had received from ESEA Title II the following reference books: Collier's Encyclopedia, Americana Encyclopedia, Encyclopedia Britannica, Britannica World Atlas, Compton's Encyclopedia and Compton's Dictionary of Natural Sciences. She reported that this is quite a nice addition to the reference collection and money wise should amount to something over $700.

In the interest of the bond election, the library mailed 972 letters to parents of children who had read in the summer reading club and 612 letters to other patrons of the library asking their support of the bond election. This was a total of 1584 letters sent from the library.

A quick trip around the library was made by some of the new board members at the close of the meeting.

There was no other business.

Meeting was adjourned.

Sarah E. Maret
Secretary

December 14,1967

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met at the Regional Library on Thursday afternoon, December 14,1967 at 5 o'clock. Present were, Marvin Perry, W.W.Wier, Clinton Adams, Troutman Wilson, A.C.Patterson, Mrs. Frank Dudley, Mrs. J.B.Neighbors, Mrs. John Wilkins, Miss Janette Browning, Mrs. F.H.Mendenhall and Sarah Maret.

Chairman Mendenhall called the meeting to order and welcomed the new members.

Minutes were approved as read.

Mrs. Mendenhall reported that she and Miss Maret had attended the meeting of the Georgia Library Association at Jekyll Island, November 2-4 and that she had enjoyed the meeting very much. She also reported that she and Miss Maret had visited four libraries on the trip. Two were remodeled post office buildings (Milledgeville and Tifton) and two were new buildings (Dublin and Waycross). Purpose of visiting the buildings was to take a look at what was being done in the state in the library building field.

As a matter of information, Miss Maret reported that she had had a letter from Miss Jewell Hardkopf, Library-Management Consultant, offering her services to the Regional Library when planning for the new building. Miss Hardkopf's services are concerned with the efficient operation of the library, eliminating unnecessary methods, procedures, routines, and work. Miss Maret asked the Board to give consideration to employing Miss Hardkopf when the time was appropriate. She said that she had been employed recently by the Greenville, S.C. Library Board to aid the library in its internal operation.

Reporting for the Expansion Committee, Mr. Wilson said that he had had a letter from Congressman Robert Stephens saying that the Old Post Office Building and lot at the corner of Washington and College Avenues would not be available for the library as the General Services Administration does not plan to declare it surplus. He said that a committee composed of George Bullock, member of the County Commissioners, he (Wilson) and Sarah Maret had been appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, David Firor, to select a site for the library. He said that he felt that several sites might be selected and that one could be chosen from the group. The members of the Board discussed several possible choice for the library, but no recommendation was made.

Mrs. Neighbors, Chairman of the Grounds Committee, reported that work had been authorized for some plantings on the grounds, but that the nurseyman had not yet come to do the work. Also she said that the pool was leaking and that work would need to be done on it. She reported that she had discussed with Mr. Hubert Owens the matter of lighting the garden and that he said the lights would be lovely in this spot.

Mr. Wilson said that he had had letter from a number of architectual firms interested in designing the new library building. Letter had been received from Dan E.Sewell of Sewell and Associates, Inc. of Atlanta, W.E.Edens of Jones and Fellers of Augusta, Wallace Wilkins of Southern Engineering Co. of Georgia, Atlanta, and Lauren Goldsmith of Heery and Heery of Athens and Atlanta. It was suggested that Miss Nix be asked to send the board a list of names of architects who had recently built libraries in the state.

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It was moved by Mr. Wier that a salary supplement be given to the staff for the year and that the Director, the Chairman of the Board and the Treasurer determine the amount each person is to receive. Motion seconded by Mrs. Neighbors. Motion carried.

Mr. Wilson moved that the library be closed December 24, 25 and 26 for the Christmas holidays. Motion seconded by Mr. Patterson. Motion carried.

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Vice-chairman, Mr. Wilson presented the budget for the year 1968. Mr. Wilson moved that the budget be adopted. Motion seconded by Mr. Wier. Motion carried.

There was no other business. Meeting was adjourned.

Sarah C. Hart
Secretary